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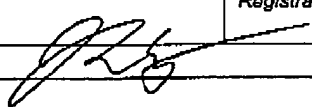
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In response to the requirement set forth by the Examiner during a teleconference with Applicants' representative on September 14, 2004, Applicants have submitted herewith a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to overcome a publication of one of the inventors. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the Declaration.

In order to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative with any questions relating to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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